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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Finding a reasonable broadband and phone provider has not been easy. I switched finally after research to a local carrier, Cruzio, for broadband and phone at half the price of AT&T. There service and costs with add on were huge in comparison. Competition is essential to achieve broadband service. ATT was unable to provide more than 2 or 3 mbps. I was looking for closer to 50 or more megabit rates. Your choices are limited to cable here. But I found an independent carrier Cruzio providing me with wireless 100 megabit service. They are also installing gigabit fiber, but they have not reached my neighborhood.

Please make sure these small independent internet providers remain in service as a choice to the big corporations, and make sure they have the access they need to the internet over the backbone.

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